

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEYUKI MAKITANI) Examiner: K. Y. Poon
Application No.: 09/518,636) Art Unit: 2624
Filed: March 3, 2000)
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS)
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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

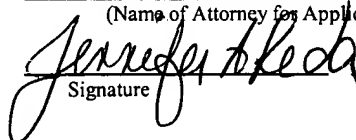
Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the specification begin on page 2, the claim amendments begin on page 5, and the Remarks begin on page 10.

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